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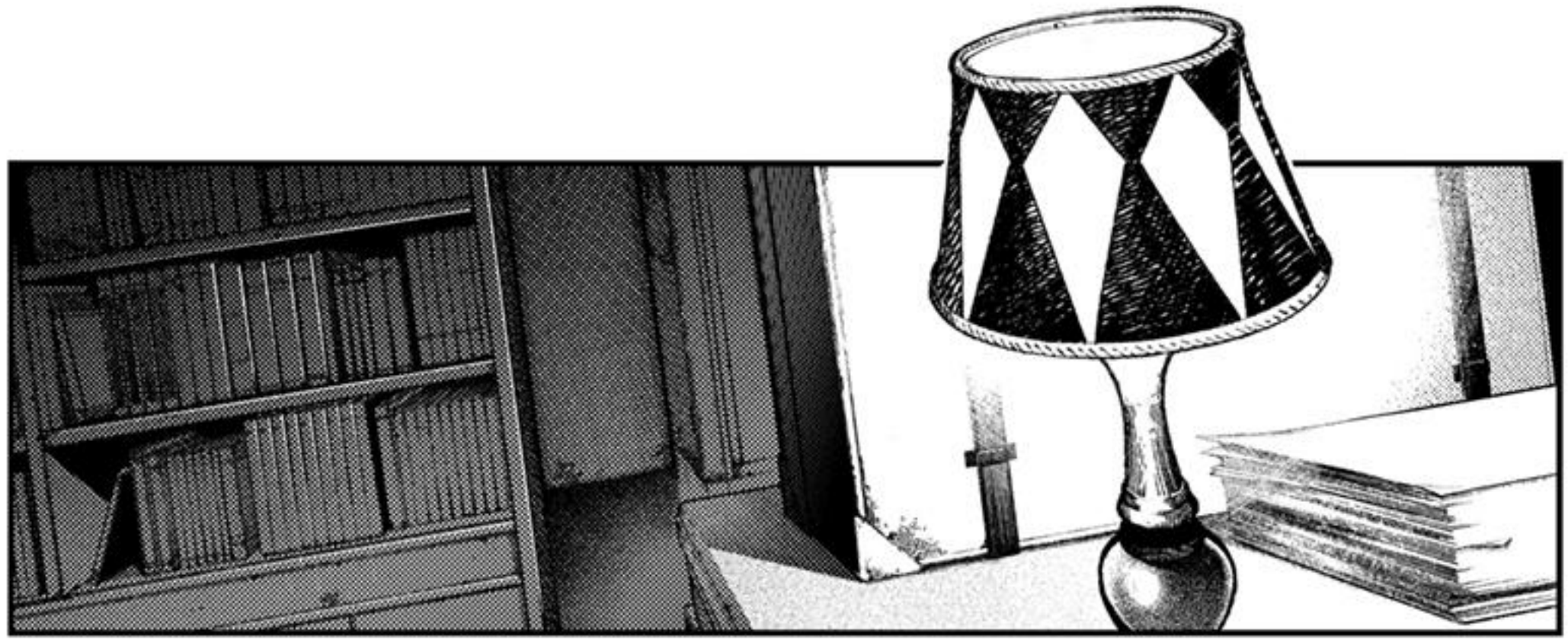
CHAPTER 131: REQUESTING LEAVE



BOSS.

I'D LIKE TO GO ON A TRIP.
SO I WILL BE TAKING SOME TIME OFF.

TWO DAYS LATER.

NIGHT.

KA-CHAK

YOU FINALLY GET A NIGHT OUT, BUT YOU WANT TO SPEND THE WHOLE TIME STARING DOWN THAT CHOKER?

OH.

CLUNK

I SEE YOU GOT THE PHOTO.

I SAID I WOULD TAKE IT.

OH.

WHAT HE'S HAVING.

RIYO DOESN'T LIKE BEING IN PICTURES.

WE DID MANAGE TO GET AN ANALYSIS OF HIS POWERS.

FOLLO'S VITAL INSTRUMENT ALAN CREATES AN EXPLOSION THAT HAS GREATER FORCE THE MORE STRESS IT'S BUILT UP.

IT'S AN OFFENSE-DEFENSE TYPE THAT'S ALL DEFENSE UNTIL JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT, WHEN IT UNLEASHES AN EXTREME ATTACK.

HOW IS FOLLO DOING?

HAVE RUDO'S POWERS AFFECTED HIM PHYSICALLY?

NOT THAT WE'VE SEEN.

NOT YET, ANYWAY.

CLINK チン

BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT.

YEAH, CHEERS.

IF ANYTHING, HE'S WORRIED THAT IT MIGHT BE CREEPY AND WEIRD THAT HE NAMED HIS INSTRUMENT AFTER HIS FRIEND.

SINCE YOU, ZANKA, AND RIYO ALL HAVE PLAIN VITAL INSTRUMENTS, YOU CAN FIGHT WITHOUT SUFFERING FROM ANY KIND OF RECOIL.

THE MORE SPECIAL A POWER, THE MORE WEAKNESSES IT HAS.

"PLAIN" ...?

I WORRY ABOUT THE EFFECTS ON HIS MENTAL HEALTH, TOO...

THE STICKING POINT IS THAT IT CAN'T DELIVER MULTIPLE ATTACKS.

ONCE HE FIRES OFF THAT FIRST BLAST, HE HAS TO BUILD THE STRESS UP ALL OVER AGAIN.

WHEN SHE HAS A COMPLETE GRASP ON HOW TO USE HER POWERS,

WE SHOULD SEE A REAL TRANSFOR-MATION.

I MUST ALWAYS PRAY THAT SHE NEVER TURNS TO THE DARK SIDE.

YIKES.

SHE CAN USE HER POWERS WITHOUT CHANGING IT INTO WEAPON MODE.

COME TO THINK OF IT, AMO'S VITAL IN-STRUMENT.

THE BOSS SEES IT AS POTENTIAL.

SINCE SHE CAME FROM AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE SHE LIKELY HAD TO LOCK UP HER REAL FEELINGS IF SHE WANTED TO SURVIVE...

...SHE MAY BE SUBCON-SCIOUSLY SUP-PRESSING HER POWERS.

ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

A VITAL INSTRU-MENT REFLECTS ITS USER.

THAT'S WHY THE USER'S NAME IS CARVED ONTO IT.

...IT MEANS THE USER IS HOLDING BACK.

AND WHY, WHEN THERE'S NOT A NAME ON THE INSTRUMENT...

SO SEMIU.

I HEARD YOU'LL BE TAKING SOME TIME OFF.

...

BOSS'S ORDERS?

YOU START WITH, "I'M GONNA GET SO DRUNK TODAY!"

BUT EVERY TIME YOU GET A DAY OFF,

SO WHAT? IS IT WRONG FOR ME TO TAKE A BREAK?

WHERE IS THIS COMING FROM?

NOPE, NOT WRONG AT ALL. IF YOU'RE **REALLY** TAKING A BREAK.

...I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU'D FIGURE IT OUT.

SO YOU'RE GOING TO WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR VITAL INSTRUMENT.

TO LOOK INTO THE FUTURE.

YOU'LL BE FINE WITHOUT ME.

THAT'S NOT THE PROB-LEM!

SIZZ

DUDE.

AND THE BOSS CAN LOOK AT PEOPLE LIKE I DO.

DUDE.

RELAX. I'VE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR A SUBSTITUTE RECEPTIONIST.

CLANK

カラン

IF YOU TOOK THE LIMITERS OFF AND LOOKED AT THE FUTURE, THE RECOIL WOULD...

...IS BECAUSE OF THE RISK!

THE REASON YOU DON'T USE YOUR FULL POWERS...

...“NEVER”? YOU'RE OVERRE-ACTING.

IF I DON'T LOOK LONG, THERE WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

YOU MIGHT NEVER BE ABLE TO SEE AGAIN...

PTAM

...SEEN SOMETHING.

THE BOSS HAS...

BEFORE LONG...

...SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN.

IT'S TOMORROOOWWW!!!

TOMOR-ROW'S THE DOLL FEST. YOOOO!!!

AND HERE'S YOUR COSTUME!

HERE'S YOURS!

HERE'S YOURS!

AMO! YOU'RE COMING WITH US?!

UNCLE CORVUS TOLD ME TO.

I'VE NEVER BEEN BEFORE. THIS IS EXCITING!!

YOU HAVEN'T SPARRED WITH HIM, ZANKA?

I'LL DO IT WHEN WE GET BACK.

I'M GONE FOR TWO SECONDS, AND I MISS ALL THE ACTION...

APPARENTLY GRIS, TOMME, AND FOLLO WON'T BE JOINING US.

THEY'RE GOING TO HELP FOLLO TRAIN WITH HIS VITAL INSTRUMENT INSTEAD.

MY JOB IS TO FIND THE WHITE CROW THAT KURO TOLD ME ABOUT.

THANKS, AUGUST.

THE WATCH-MAN SERIES ...

THE CHOKER MAKER.

MAKE SURE TO GET A GOOD LOOK, OKAY!!!

I'VE BEEN PULLING SO MANY ALL-NIGHTERS TO FINISH YOUR COSTUMES!

THE DAY HAS ARRIVED AT LAST!!!

AND OH! THE SOUTH BRANCH FOLKS! BUT THEY'LL BE JOINING US LATER!

ENJIN... AND EISHIA...

LET ME SEE!

WHO ELSE IS GOIN' TO DOLL FEST?

A AAAND!

ALSO!

THAT GUY OVER THERE WHO FEELS SO OUT OF PLACE THAT HE CAN'T JOIN THE CONVERSA-TION!

WHAT
!?

FU
!?

SQUISH

HEH
HEH...
HEH
HEH...

UM...

I'M CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE CLEANERS ON A TRIAL BASIS...

...

I HAVE A FEELING THAT SOMETHING'S GONNA GO DOWN!!

CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
SHEE

OH, DEAR...
GLP GLP
CLACK

CHAPTER 132: THE DOLL FESTIVAL

WHAT BAD MANNERS...

HELLO, HELLO, HELLO!!!

YOU BEAUTIFUL ORDINARY PEOPLE YOU!

YOUR FAVORITE NEWS REPORTER, MYMO!!!

IT'S ME!!!

BACK BACK

THE DAY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IS FINALLY HERE!!!

WELCOME TO OUR BIG EVENT!!

YOUR FAVORITE REPORTER MYMO IS THIS YEAR'S MC!!!

LET ME TELL YOU! IT'S BECAUSE!!

CLANK HIFT

CLANK HIFT

YOU WANNA KNOW WHY YOU'RE HEARING MY VOICE AT THE FESTIVAL?

WOW.

CLACK

RUDO

WHO?

RIYO

MYMO THE REPORTER IS HERE...

PTAM

MARCH

MARCH

MARCH

MARCH

AUGUST

HURRY!! HURRY!!

ENJIN

YOU GUYS TOOK YOUR CHOKERS OFF?

AND NOW !!!

WE'VE GOT A SURPRISE WAITING FOR YOU AT THE END OF THE FESTIVAL, SO LOOK FORWARD TO THE FINALE!!!

EISHIA

WAIT FOR US, AUGGIE !!

WE HAVE TO RUN, RUN, RUN!!!

AUGUST

ONCE WE GET THROUGH THE PARKING LOT, WE'LL BE IN TOWN!!!

...BEGIN!!

LET THE DOLL FESTIVAL...

...SOME !!

AWE...

...IS THE DOLL FESTIVAL...

SO THIS...

SUMMIT

SOUTH WARD, SHUMINA (CITY) "ANDIO"

RUDO & CO.

OF COURSE, IF WE WANT TO GET TO THE REAL FESTIVAL, WE HAVE TO CLIMB ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP, THERE!

BUT THERE'S A BUTTLOAD OF BOOTHS AND DISPLAYS...

...TO LOOK AT ON THE WAY!

SO YOU'LL HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE WITHOUT EVEN TRYING!!!

...

...ARE ALL THE COSTUMES!!!

AND ANOTHER HIGH-LIGHT...

"THE CROW WILL LEAD YOU TO SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHERE TO FIND THE CHOKER MAKER."

"LOOK FOR THE WHITE CROW."

...DO I EVEN START...?

BUT WHERE...

'KAY !!!!

IS IT A REAL CROW? SOMEBODY DRESSED LIKE A CROW?

I HAVE NO FILTHIN' CLUE, KURO...

SO WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, ENJIN?

WE'LL NEVER MEET UP AGAIN IN THIS CROWD...!!

WHIRL

VING

LET US BE OFF!! LITTLE SISTER!!!

SEE YA!!!

WE'RE GONNA GO LOOK AT THE OFFICIAL MERCH!!!

TEE HEE HEE! I CAN'T SAY IT!

PSYCHOLY SABS...

YOU KNOW, YOU'RE KIND OF "PHYSICALLY PRESENT BUT PSYCHICALLY"... PHYSICALLY PHEASANT...

GRR!

HE'S "PHYSICALLY PRESENT, PSYCHICALLY"... PSYCHOLOLI...

!

...OH, RIGHT.

...ENJIN?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, YOU JUST GO TO THE DOLL FESTIVAL.

...

HEE HA HA!

DAMMIT!!!

ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY "PHYSICALLY PRESENT BUT PSYCHO-LOGICALLY ABSENT"?

BE THERE FOR RUDO. AT DOLL FEST.

SO THERE'S STILL TIME.

...

THE BOSS WILL BE THERE TO WITNESS THE SEEING.

I CAN'T LEAVE THE OFFICE UNTIL I'VE FINISHED HANDING OFF MY WORK ANYWAY.

HE'S BUSY TAKING CARE OF THE MOUNTAINS OF PAPERWORK BACKLOG RIGHT NOW.

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED.

...YOU KNOW.

RUDO WAS A RANDOM STRANGER WHO CAME FROM NOWHERE. WHY DID YOU CARE ABOUT HIM TO BEGIN WITH?

...OKAY!

ZANKA, RIYO.

!

THERE'S A REASON WE CAME TO THE DOLL FESTIVAL.

I TOLD YOU THAT, RIGHT?

WE'RE HERE TO LOCATE THE CHOKER MAKER AND GET CLUES TO ASCENDIN' UP TO THE SPHERE.

...YEAH. I REMEMBER.

I WONDER WHEN IT WAS THEY STARTED SPYING ON US THROUGH THE CHOKERS.

THEY MIGHT HAVE PART OF THE WATCHMAN SERIES, RIGHT?

AND SO, RIGHT NOW OUR JOB...

IF WE CAN JUST FIGURE OUT WHERE THE CHOKER MAKER IS, THIS MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED.

WE WANT TO AVOID ANY FIGHTS THAT MIGHT RUIN THE FESTIVAL.

LISTEN UP.

AND FIND THE WHITE CROW!!!

...IS TO INVESTIGATE THIS CROWD!

GESTURE CONVO

FLAIL

FLAIL

FLAIL

FLAIL

FLAIL

IS THAT SOME KIND OF RITUAL?

...

THE CLEANERS ARE ALL SUCH CLOSE FRIENDS.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP, GUYS!!

WHY IS IT A TRIAL? WHY CAN'T YOU JUST JOIN OFFICIALLY?

...

THAT REMINDS ME. YOU.

YOU'RE WORKING WITH THE CLEANERS ON A TRIAL BASIS, RIGHT?

BECAUSE... NO ONE ORDERED ME TO...

...BE...

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE CLEANERS?

...? ORDERED YOU...?

?

I WANT TO BE ORDERED AROUND, SIR!

UM, YES, SIR!!

AND AFTER THAT, I ENDED UP BEING HERE ON A TRIAL BASIS...

WHEN I TALKED TO MR. CORVUS...

B-BUT THEY LET YOU JOIN, JUST LIKE THAT, HUH...? THAT'S AMAZING...

I WAS TOLD TO GO TO THE FESTIVAL... IT WASN'T MY IDEA... HEH HEH...

EVEN ME BEING HERE.

?

UH-HUH...

CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING WITHOUT BEING GIVEN AN ORDER?

...I GET IT...

AMO ASKED TO JOIN.

SO AMO TOLD UNCLE CORVUS THAT SHE WANTS TO BE A CLEANER.

TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT SHE DID...

AND SO AMO CAN DO SOMETHING TO HELP RUDO NOW.

...YOU'VE NEVER MADE A DECISION FOR YOURSELF...

...THAT TURNED OUT TO BE A HUGE MISTAKE.

?

THEY'RE SELLING THESE HELLA STUPID MASKS!

LOOK, LOOK!!

N... NO WAY!!

KEEP THAT THING AWAY FROM MY FACE!!

YOUR BIG BROTHER'LL BUY IT FOR YOU, LITTLE ZAN-ZAN.

WHITE CROW !!!

WHITE !!

YOU GET DISTRACTED SO EASILY!

WHAT!

THIS IS TOTALLY YOU, ZANKA!!

...IT...

WE GOT MORE CRUCIAL THINGS TO FIND THAN MASKS, AND YOU KNOW...

COME ON! YOU DON'T GO TO A FESTIVAL EVERY DAY!

WELL RETURN IT!!!

NO RE-TURNS.

SELLER

OOPS, I ALREADY BOUGHT IT.

CHA-CHING

SLOSH

WHAT...

UH.

SNATCH

FSH

UH.

WHAT IS HE DOING HERE...?!

...WHY?!

HE PUT IT ON. HEH!

CLACK
コツッ
CLACK
コツッ
CLACK
コツッ
YEEARGH!
OUR MARK IS PLOTTING TO DO SOMETHING AT THE DOLL FESTIVAL.
SIGNS ARE NOW POINTING TO THAT BEING THE REAL GOAL.
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EVENT TO APPREHEND YOUR TARGET.
...WE HAVE ARRIVED IN TOWN.
I TRUST YOU TO HANDLE IT.
LITTLE BROTHER.
AS YOU WISH.
GOKA...!

HEY!

LOOK AT THAT! IS THAT THE WHITE CROW?

NO, THAT'S A TITAN COSTUME.

IMPRESSIVE.

OSHA

WHAT ABOUT THAT?!

A COSTUME THAT'S... OF SOMEONE WHO'S VERY "STYL."

WHERE ARE THE BIRD ELEMENTS?

THEN WHAT ABOUT THAT ONE?!

FOOL!

THAT'S...A HOLY SWORD THAT INSPIRES PEOPLE TO SAY "OBNOXIOUS"... I THINK...

HIS SEARCH METHODS ARE GETTING DESPERATE. *HEH.*

THAT STUPID WHITE CROW ISN'T EVEN ANYWHERE!!

RASSAFRASSIN' STUPID COSTUMES...!

RUDO.

IF SOMETHING JUST APPEARED WHEN YOU WERE LOOKING FOR IT, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO LOOK FOR IT.

AFTER ALL, DOLL FEST'S MAIN EVENT IS THE GIVER SHOW, WHICH WOULD BE INSIDE...

THAT'S POSSIBLE.

WHAT IF THE CROW ISN'T OUT HERE, BUT INSIDE THE EVENT HALL?

...HII... DO YOU THINK THERE'S ANY REASON FOR ME TO BE HERE...?

WELL, THE TWINS ARE GONNA BE IN THE SHOW, SO...

AND THEY CAME WITH MILDRETTA AND THE OTHER SOUTH WARD CLEANERS, BUT I DOUBT WE'LL MEET UP WITH THEM, EITHER.

YOU'RE ALL LOOKING FOR A WHITE CROW?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR OTHER CLEANERS.

FOR NOW, I GUESS WE'LL HEAD TO THE MAIN HALL.

OH...

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL AMO ABOUT THE WHITE CROW. HMM.

COULD YOU NOT DROP YOUR VOICE LIKE THAT? IT SCARES ME.

WHAT IS MY BROTHER DOING HERE...?

WHY...?

CREAK
CREAK
SOMEWHERE IN WEST WARD
CREAK
CREAK
YOU DELIBERATELY LEAKED INFORMATION TO MAKE US THINK YOU WERE THE MAIN TARGET.
...!
YOU WERE THE DECOY.

THWACK

GWAAAGH!!

INFORMATION ABOUT POSSESSION OF A TERRORIST DEVICE...

EXACTLY THE KIND OF TIP WE HELL GUARDS ARE LIKELY TO JUMP ON...

...USED, TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF, FORCED TO TAKE ON ALL THE SUFFERING ALONE?

DOES IT NOT PAIN YOU TO SEE YOURSELF...

BUT YOU WERE ONLY THE SACRIFICIAL PAWN.

I DOUBT YOU WANT TO GO THERE FOR THE PERSON WHO SENT YOU HERE...

...!

SURELY EVEN YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE AGONIES EXPERIENCED THERE.

THE HELL GUARDS' PRISON...

...YOU'RE... TOO LATE...

THE DEVICE ALREADY MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND...

TELL ME.

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN AT THE DOLL FESTIVAL?

THE WORLD LOST ITS RULER...

IN... THE PAST...

WE'RE ALL DEPENDENT ON IT. WE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT...

SO...

HE WILL BECOME ITS NEW RULER!

SO WHAT IS THIS "HELL GUARD" LIKE?

YOU KNOW HOW WE SPECIALIZE IN EXTERMINATIN' TRASH BEASTS?

THE HELL GUARD IS THE OPPOSITE. THEY'RE AN ORGANIZATION WHAT CRACKS DOWN ON HUMAN BEIN'S.

IF THEY SEE SOMEONE AS A THREAT, THEY'LL COME RUNNIN'.

I DON'T KNOW HOW THEM RAIDERS ARE STILL AROUND.

...

WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, THE HELL GUARD ARE AN ASSEMBLAGE OF FOLKS THAT AIN'T GOT NO POWERS.

BUT EVERY ONE OF 'EM'S AN EXPERT IN FIGHTIN' OTHER PEOPLE. IT DON'T MATTER IF THE OTHER GUY'S A GIVER.

LIKE WHAT WE CALL APOSTLES ON THE SPHERE...

THE HELL GUARD ARE ALSO INVESTIGATIN' THE ANTAGONISM BETWEEN THE SPHERE AND THE GROUND.

BEIN' A SPHEREITE, IF THEY CATCH YOU, THEY'LL TAKE YOU IN WHETHER YOU DESERVE IT OR NOT.

HUH?

RUDO, YOU MAKE SURE THEY DON'T FIND YOU, NEITHER.

...?

YOUR BROTHER ...?

I DON'T KNOW.

BUT MY BROTHER AIN'T IN A POSITION WHERE HE'D BE DOIN' NO ORDINARY PATROLS.

EITHER SOMETHIN' HAPPENED, OR SOMETHIN'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN...

DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE AFTER ME?!

YOU SAID... THE HELL GUARD IS HERE...!

OH YEAH, I GUESS RUDO DOESN'T KNOW.

ZANKA'S BIG BROTHER GOKA...

IS SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE HELL GUARD'S RED HORNS SQUAD ONE.

AND HIS SISTER KYOKA IS COMMANDER OF HELL GUARD SQUAD ONE!

THE NIJIKU FAMILY IS HELLA ELITE!

ENJIN
WHAAAT?! YOUR FAMILY IS DOWNRIGHT TERRIFYING!!
ZANKA
...APPARENTLY A YEAR AGO THEY MADE HER HELL GUARD HQ'S COMMANDER OF ALL HORN SQUADS...
RIYO
WHAT DOES YOUR MOM DO?
ZANKA
...YEAH.
ENJIN
REMIND ME, YOUR DAD WAS AN EX-HELL GUARD, TOO, RIGHT?
...
LET'S JUST FIND THIS WHITE CROW.
YEAH, AND I'VE BEEN DISINHERITED. SO ENOUGH ABOUT MY FAMILY.
I WONDER... WHY DID ZANKA JOIN THE CLEANERS...?

OH, MAN, WE'RE ALMOST THERE!!

SO THE DOLL FESTIVAL IS GONNA HAPPEN INSIDE THERE...

HMM? WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

EVEN IF WE DO MANAGE TO FIND THE WHITE CROW IN ALL OF THIS, WILL WE BE ABLE TO GET ANY ANSWERS ABOUT WHERE TO FIND THE CHOKER MAKER...?

YOU GUESTS DON'T SEEM TO HAVE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

WELCOME!! TO THE DOLL FESTIVAL!!

I'M ON THE DOLL FEST STAFF!

MY NAME IS WING!

WAIT, DOES THIS MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW?

TICKETS, LOVE!

?

WHAT THE?

A CONCERT BY NONE OTHER THAN TOO LILY!

WE'RE GIVING OUT RAFFLE TICKETS FOR DOLL FEST'S OPENING ACT!

TOO LILY ??!

?!

WHAT... ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?

?

?

?

DID THEY TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THIS?!

TOO LILY IS HERE?! LIKE, HERE HERE?!

RIYO

IT WAS JUST ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY! IT'S BEEN ALL OVER TV AND THE RADIO!

YOU DIDN'T SEE ANY ADS?

YOU MEAN, THE TOO LILY?!

ENJIN

THE QUEEN OF ENTER-TAINMENT!

SHE SINGS.

SHE DANCES.

SHE DOES MAGIC TRICKS.

SHE'S A MASTER OF ALL KINDS OF PERFOR-MANCE ART!

TOO LILY IS THE GROUND'S BIGGEST STAR!!

HOW STUPID CAN YOU BE?!

OH YEAH ...!!

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WE PLAYED HER SONG IN THE CAR THE OTHER DAY—YOU WERE TOTALLY BOPPING, REMEM-BER!!!

I'M A HUGE FAN MYSELF, SO I'M EAGER TO FINISH WORKING AND GET INTO THE EVENT HALL!! SO TAKE YOUR TICKETS!!!

ONE OF THE DOLL FESTIVAL BIG WIGS ASKED HER PERSONALLY TO PERFORM, AND SHE SAID YES!!

OH, SNAP!!!

I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THIS...

*ENJIN

THERE'S A RAFFLE! ONE LUCKY WINNER...

...WILL BE GIVEN A SINGLE ITEM FROM OFF OF TOO LILY'S PERSON!

HUH? WHAT? WHAT DO WE USE THE TICKETS FOR?!

OH, LOOK AT THAT!

YOU TOOK THE LAST TICKET– MY BOX IS EMPTY!!

SWEET!!! THAT MEANS I'M DONE WORKING!!

666

IF YOU WIN, THEY'LL CALL UP THE NUMBER ON THAT TICKET.

SO YOU'LL NEED TO HURRY UP TO THE STAGE, PLEASE AND THANK YOU!!

...OKAY...

I'M SURE THERE ARE GOOD THINGS IN STORE FOR YOU, TOO, LOVE!!

YOU, LITTLE WOLF, ARE MY LUCKY BOY!!

I'M JUST LOOKING FOR THE WHITE CROW...

...YEAH...

SHE'S VERY HIGH ENERGY...

OH, LOOK, THE OPENING CEREMONIES ARE ALREADY STARTING!!

GET IN, GET IN!!

THIS IS GETTING EXCITING!!

I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING FARTHER AWAY FROM THE WHITE CROW...

!!

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BWAH

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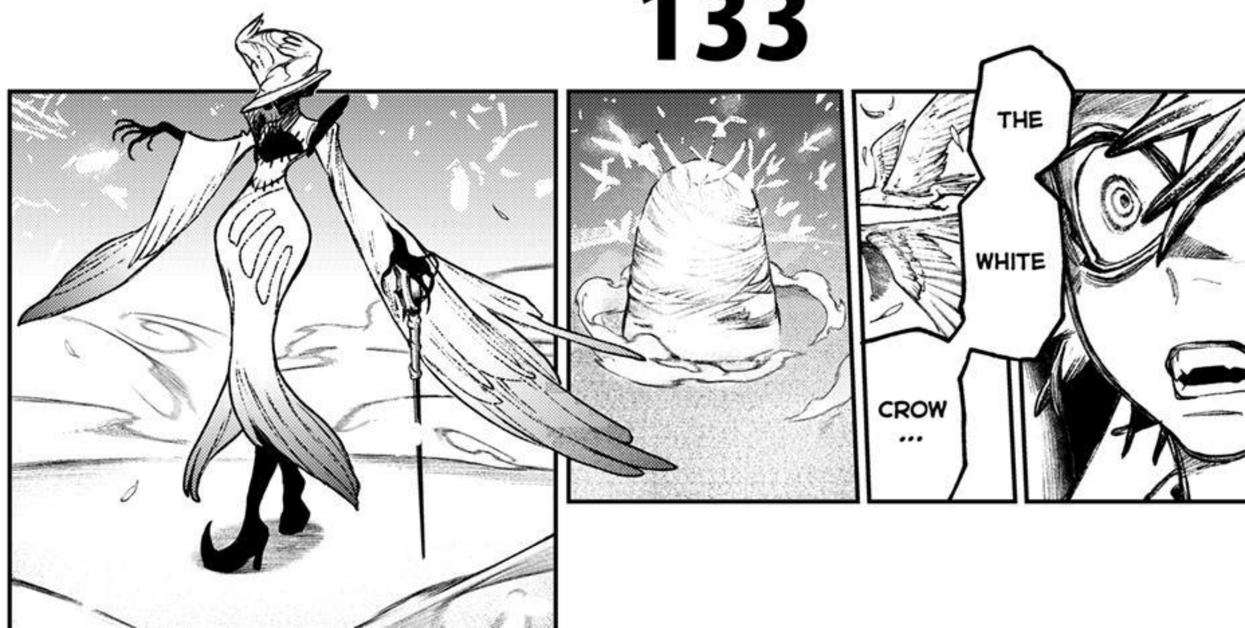
...THE QUEEN OF ENTERTAIN-MENT !!

CHAPTER 133

TOO LILY



CHAPTER 134: SHOWTIME!!

TOOOO LILYYYY!!

THE QUEEN OF ENTERTAIN-MENT!!!

SIIIICK!!

LILY LIVE! SIIIICK!!!

THIS IS SOOOO SIIICK !!!

IT'S THE WHITE CROW!

HEY!! HEY, LOOK!!

STOMP STOMP

SHE'S THE ONE.

THE PERSON WHO KNOWS WHERE TO FIND THE CHOKER MAKER!!

THAT'S GOTTA BE HER.

AMO DOESN'T GET IT, BUT THERE IS A UNIQUE SCENT IN THIS PLACE!!

...

HE COULD HAVE JUST TOLD US HER NAME AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO SEARCH EVERYWHERE!!

WHAT THE CRAP, "LOOK FOR THE WHITE CROW"?

BUT...

わあああああ
WAAAAAHH

IS THERE... ANY WAY FOR US TO TALK TO HER?!

SWOOSH

DEATH

SWFF

CLACK

SHE-

SHE CHANGED ?!

THE VITAL INSTRU-MENT, LUNAVIS!!

HER WAND!! IT'S HER WAND!

CAN USE MAGIC!!

TOO LILY

FZH

7ㅠㅠ..

HANDS UP!!!

AAAAAAH

PWAAAAAAH

BA-

BAM

IT'S OVER...

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING HERE TODAY.

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH PRIDE.

IT'S AN HONOR TO OPEN FOR THIS MAGNIFICENT EVENT.

MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE WHITE CROW WHO ONCE SAVED MY LIFE...

I OFFER MY RESPECT TO THIS WONDERFUL DOLL FESTIVAL...

WAAA

SO?

OH MAN, THAT WAS SICK...

THE PRESSURE ON THE NEXT ACT MUST BE INTENSE!

SO THIS IS THE SCENT OF JOY!

IT WAS SICK...

THANK YOU FOR THAT AWESOME OPENING ACT, TOO LILY!!

YEEEAAHH!!!

CLAP

CLAP

WE FOUND HER.

HOW'RE WE GONNA TALK TO HER?

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

DO WE STORM THE STAGE ?!!

YEAH, WE'RE ONLY OUTSIDERS.

YEAH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S HAPPENING.

THE TOO LILY RAFFLE TICKETS!!

...THIS HERE'S OUR ONLY HOPE.

THEN IT LOOKS LIKE...

IF ONE OF US WINS, WE CAN GET ON THE STAGE.

THE TWINS ARE IN THE SHOW, RIGHT?

MAYBE IF WE TALK TO THEM...

DO WE STORM THE STAGE?!

WHAT IF WE DON'T WIN?!

BUT CAN WE WIN? OUR CHANCES ARE FOUR IN A GAZILLION.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THE RAFFLE, AMO THINKS IT'S ALREADY STARTING.

WHAT!

I MEAN, THAT'S USUALLY **WHY** PEOPLE COME TO THIS EVENT.

EITHER WAY, THEY PROBABLY WON'T DO THE RAFFLE UNTIL THE END.

WELL.

SO WHY DON'T WE JUST ENJOY THE DOLL SHOW?

OKAY, EVERYBODY, LET'S JUST END THE SUSPENSE RIGHT NOW!!!

GET OUT YOUR TOO LILY RAFFLE TICKETS!

AND LET THE DRAWING BEGIN!!!

...

EVERYBODY KNOWS, YOU HAVE THE RAFFLE EITHER DURING INTERMISSION OR AT THE END!

DID THEY NOT GET THE MEMO?!

THE MAIN DOLL SHOW HASN'T EVEN STARTED YET.

THAT WAS AWFUL QUICK.

THE WINNING NUMBER IS...

B-DMP

B-DMP

POOF

ALL RIGHT!

I WILL NOW PULL THE WINNING TICKET.

PEER

THE TERRORIST DEVICE.

YOU SAY IT'S ALREADY IN CIRCULATION...?

"WE'RE ALL DEPENDENT ON IT."

"WE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT"...

CHAPTER 135: MEET AND GREET

PUT ANDIO UNDER IMMEDIATE LOCKDOWN.

ALL OPERATIVES AT THE SCENE, YOUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO ARREST THE TARGET.

THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL. THIS COULD SHAKE THE GROUND AT ITS FOUNDATION.

CLICK

AND ALL COMMUNICATION FROM HERE ON WILL BE CONDUCTED USING THE OLD METHODS.

THE WINNING NUMBER IS...!!!

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ざわ
ざわ
ざわ
ざわ
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
HUH?

YO, THE BOX IS EMPTY!

GLOOOW
PPP
110

KA-

POP

HUH?

GLOOOOO WWW
110PPPPPP PPPPPP

GLOOOWW 110PPPP

WHOA, RUDO! DID YOU ACTUALLY ...?!

HUH?

WHA ?!

SWOOO

THE WINNING NUMBER...

WHAT, ME?!

...WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE LUCKY AUDIENCE MEMBER WITH THE GLOWING TICKET!!!

BUT YOU DIDN'T PULL A NUMBER!!!

YOU ARE GOOD, TOO LILY!!

I COULDN'T CONTAIN MY FLABBER-GASTED RESPONSE!!!

EVEN A SIMPLE RAFFLE ISN'T JUST A NORMAL RAFFLE!!

KA-

SNAP

...PLEASE JOIN ME ON THE STAGE!

NOW, WILL OUR LUCKY WINNER...

DOES THAT EVEN HAPPEN ...?

YOU SERI-OUSLY WON !!!!

DUDE, THAT'S AWESOME!!

SICK !!!!

HE DISAP-PEARED ...?!

KZH ZH

?!

SHWOOMP

HUH?

WHOOSH

WHAT AM I SEEING ??!

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THE WINNER IS ALREADY ONSTAGE!

IS THIS ANOTHER ONE OF TOO LILY'S MAGIC TRICKS?!

HE ACTUALLY TELE-PORTED!!!

...

...

WHAT THE ??!

...WELL, THAT DOES SAVE US SOME TROUBLE.

WAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

THEY SAID YOU GET ONE ITEM FROM OFF OF TOO LILY'S PERSON.

LUCKY BASTARD...

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU WIN AGAIN?

I KNOW SHE UTILIZES MAGIC AND WHATNOT, BUT TOO MUCH IS TOO MUCH!!

TELE-PORTA-TION ...?!

...RUDO... YOU LUCKY BASTARD...

TOO LILY IS WAY TOO SICK!!

YOU MANAGED TO MAKE A DEAL WITH THE INFORMATION BROKER! IF ANYONE CAN GET THAT INFO, YOU CAN!

S-SFF ZZ..

...

...

TELL US YOUR NUMBER!!

OUR WINNER, MR.... WOLF BOY.

"INFORMATION ON WHERE TO FIND THE CHOKER MAKER."

WHERE AM I??

WWW-WWHAT?!!

THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF GUY YOU ARE!!

OH, RUDO.

I CAN'T BLAME HIM FOR BEING FLUSTERED.

WHAT WITH OUR MISSION AND THE TELEPORTA-TION AND THIS GIANT CROWD...

YEAH, I IMAGINE PUTTIN' RUDO ON THE STAGE OUTTA NOWHERE LIKE THAT **WOULD** DO THAT TO HIM.

RUDO... YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO PUSH THROUGH!!

IS RUDO IN TROUBLE?

SHOULD AMO GO GIVE THAT WOMAN SOME SMELLS?

NO. THAT IS SCARY ON TOO MANY LEVELS.

MY... NUM... BER...

JUST REMEMBER THE MISSION, RUDO...

UH... UM...

OH CRAP, I'M ALL MIXED UP...

...IS ...666.

...BUT WHEN CAN I...?

I HAVE TO ASK HER ABOUT THE CHOKER MAKER...

IF SHE'S THE WHITE CROW,

TOO LILY? THAT'S HER NAME...?

YEAH, SHE...

OH.

チラ GLANCE

SHE IS THE WHITE CROW, RIGHT?

OH, MY, MY...

WINCE

...I'LL HAVE TO REMOVE IT, SO WE'LL NEED SOME PRIVACY.

ZWAH

TO GIVE HIM AN ITEM OFF MY PERSON...

EXCUSE US.

LUCKY BASTARD...

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

YOU.

YOU ARE THE SON OF ALTO SUREBREC, AREN'T YOU?

SON OF A MURDERER.

WHEN THE FATHER'S A CRIMINAL, ONE DAY THE KID'S BOUND TO...

IT'S YOUR FATHER'S FAULT!

HE MADE US ALL FILTHY!

FINE. I'LL TELL YOU...

...IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT BADLY...

YOUR FATHER'S NAME WAS...

YOU ARE THE SON OF ALTO SUREBREC, AREN'T YOU?

YOU.

ALTO SURE-BREC.

CHAPTER 136: SPECIAL DELIVERY

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

...FROM UP TOP?

GET LOST

MURDERER

DIRTY CHILD.

SON OF A MURDERER.

GET LOST

GO AWAY

MURDERER

FILTHY

ARE YOU...

IS HE DOWN HERE?

IS MY DAD ALIVE?

...!
WHAT...

GURUMBLE

...DO YOU KNOW?

?

I AM NOT IN ANY KIND OF UPPER MANAGEMENT.

...AAHH ...?

I AM THE QUEEN OF ENTER-TAINMENT!!

...OR THAT IS WHAT PEOPLE CALL ME.

BUT I'M MERELY A CLOWN WHO WISHES TO BRING SMILES TO PEOPLE'S FACES.

THERE'S NO UP TOP OR DOWN BELOW FOR ME!

AFTER ALL, I'VE NEVER MET HIM!

AND IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO KNOW IF YOUR FATHER IS HERE FOR THE SHOW.

...NO... BY UP TOP, I MEAN THE SPH-

I DON'T BELIEVE IT. SHE'S...

AND YOU SHOULDN'T ASK OTHERS IF HE'S ALIVE.

I'M TOLD THAT PARENTS ARE MOST HAPPY WHEN THEIR CHILDREN SPEAK TO THEM DIRECTLY.

...A TOTAL AIRHEAD!

...LUCKY BASTARD...

GRG GRG ギリ

WHAT IN THE ACTUAL HELL IS GOING ON IN THERE??!

WHAT?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

SQIRM SQIRM

MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR MURMUR

WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG, I WANDERED INTO A NO MAN'S LAND AND FOUND MYSELF IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

IT WAS A WHITE CROW THAT FOUND ME AND LED ME TO SAFETY.

THE WHITE CROW IS SPECIAL TO ME...

WHITE CROW...?

OH.

YOU SAW MY PERFOR-MANCE.

AND MY COSTUME, AND ASSUMED IT WAS ME.

...THE CROW DID A FUNNY LITTLE DANCE TO MAKE ME SMILE.

WHEN I WAS SO SCARED I COULDN'T STOP CRYING...

AND I SWORE TO MY SOUL THAT I WOULD.

I WANTED TO MAKE PEOPLE SMILE, JUST LIKE HE DID FOR ME.

EVER SINCE THEN, "WHITE CROW" HAS BEEN MY SOUL'S THEME.

...“TOO”?

IMAGINE MY SURPRISE TO LEARN YOU WERE LOOKING FOR ME, TOO!

I SUPPOSE I WOULD BE THE CLOSEST THING TO A WHITE CROW AT THIS FESTIVAL.

BUT I HAD QUITE A TIME TRYING TO FIND YOU.

MY FRIEND HAD TOLD ME WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE,

AND THAT YOU BELONG TO THE CLEANERS.

!!

A CERTAIN **FRIEND** OF MINE...

...ASKED ME TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE SON OF ALTO SUREBREC.

I DON'T THINK THOSE ARE THE SAME CLEANERS!

TOO LILY ??!

EXCUSE ME!

HUH ?!

BUT EVERY CLEANER I ASKED ONLY LOOKED AT ME IN SURPRISE.

HE SET UP THIS WHOLE THING ?!!!!

THE BOY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MAY COME TO YOU, YOU KNOW??

GOOD-NESS!!

AS A LAST RESORT, I WENT TO THE ONE THEY CALL THE **INFORMATION BROKER.**

HE TOLD ME YOU WOULD BE INVITED TO THE UPCOMING DOLL FESTIVAL!

HE BLED HER DRY!!!

I AM CURRENTLY **ABSOLUTELY PENNILESS!!**

UH, WAIT A MINUTE...

IF YOU WENT TO THE INFORMATION BROKER,

YOU HAD TO PAY A PRICE...

SO LET'S GET TO IT.

A GIFT FOR THE WINNER...

OR RATHER.

DESPITE MY PENNI-LESSNESS, THE STAFF HERE HANDLED EVERY-THING!

THEY SUGGESTED THE RAFFLE AND SET IT ALL UP FOR ME!

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS MAKE THE CARDS!

WHAT... IS THIS... INDESCRIB-ABLE SENSATION...!!

TEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!

OH HO HO HO HO!!

A SPECIAL DELIVERY.

FROM MY FRIEND TO YOU.

SFF

YOUR JOB IS TO PUT IT ON AFTER YOU LEAVE THE STAGE.

THIS ONE IS SPECIALLY MADE.

SFF

A CHOKER ...?

TO MAKE SURE IT LOOKS LIKE **SOMETHING ELSE** TO EVERYONE BUT YOU.

I WAS ASKED TO CAST A SPELL...

TMP

OH, I ALMOST FORGOT.

I KNOW NOTHING, NOT EVEN ABOUT YOUR FATHER. ALL I KNOW IS HIS NAME.

...AM SIMPLY THE DELIVERY GIRL.

SOME-THING ELSE...?

I...

ALL I KNOW...

IS THAT THAT PERSON THERE...

THEN YOU CAN'T TELL ME WHERE TO FIND THE CHOKER MAK...

YOU KNOW NOTHING?

...WANTS VERY MUCH TO TALK TO YOU.

I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK...

...

OUR RAFFLE WINNER, NUMBER 666...

FSH

WAAA

OUR PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY MESSED UP, BUT THAT'S NO PROBLEMO!!

SEE YOU LATER! TA LÉME!

FWOOSH

NOW! LET'S SEE WHAT OUR LUCKY WINNER RE... CEIVED...

TOO LILY HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!!!

WHAT?

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POING

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HE...

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO EVERYBODY ELSE?

SORRY...

YOU... YOU...

...ABOUT THE CHOKER MAKER...

I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO ASK...

BRUUU

WHAAAAAAAAAAAAT?!

CHAK

UH... OH YEAH.

SHE TOLD ME TO PUT IT ON AFTER I LEFT THE STAGE...

RUDO... YOU DID GOOD FOR YOURSELF...

SO THAT'S WHAT YOU LIKE. AMO IS SORRY SHE'S NOT SO GIFTED.

SERIOUSLY, WHAT ARE THEY SEEING...?

BRR

NO, TOO WEIRD! WAY TOO WEIRD!!

IT'S SO AUDACIOUS, IT'S CRINGE NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRY TO LOOK AT IT!!

AH HA HA HA HA HA!!

HEH HA HA!

PFFT!

I HEAR SOMETHING...!

RUDO IN A BRA!!

AH HA HA HA HA !!!!

MAYBE HERE...

!!
!!
!!

OKAY, RUDO, I NEED YOU TO TELL ME EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED BEHIND THAT CURTAIN IN MINUTE, SENSUAL DETAIL.

GAAAH !!

IT WASN'T LIKE THAT! SHUT UP!!!

SKFF SKFF SKFF SKFF SKFF

I CAN'T HEAR ANY-THING!!

KZH ZH

WHO IS IT CONNECTED TO...? THE FRIEND TOO LILY MENTIONED ...?

THIS CHOKER IS MY ONLY HOPE.

NOW THAT THE WHITE CROW HAS DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE...

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!

CAN... CAN YOU HEAR ME...?

HEY...

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...HUH?

I HAVE
INFOR-
MATION
ABOUT
YOUR
FATHER...

...AND A
PIECE OF
WATCHMAN
SERIES.
IF YOU
WANT
THEM...

RUDO
SURE-
BREC.

I KNOW
WHAT
YOU
WISH
FOR.

I AM THE CHOKER MAKER.

YOU WILL DESTROY THE DOLL FESTIVAL.

THE SHOW SHOULD BE STARTING BY NOW.

CHAPTER 137: THE REAL DOLL FESTIVAL

I'M ONLY HERE TO GIVE THEM A RIDE.

YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO SEE THE TWINS?

TAKING CARE OF OTHER PEOPLE IS GREAT, MILDRETTA, BUT YOU NEED TO REMEMBER SELF-CARE, TOO.

RIGHT NOW, I'M GETTING THESE JOBS IN ORDER SO I CAN LET THEM HAVE ALL THE FUN THEY NEED ON THEIR RARE DAYS OFF.

WE'RE STILL WAITING ON ONE MORE STATUS REPORT.

LEAVE IT.

I DON'T KNOW HOW SEMIU HANDLES THIS ALL ON HER OWN.

I'LL ORGANIZE THESE PAPERS.

ALL THE CLEANING'S DONE IN OUR AREA.

WE'LL TAKE WHAT YOU HAVE LEFT.

SFF

YOU CAN HEAD BACK NOW, AGRA.

GOT IT. THANKS.

KZH-ZH

SSSIP

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SOMETHING STINKS.

...

YOU NOTICED IT, TOO, MILDRETTA?

THIS PLACE REEKS OF "HIGH ALERT."

THIS IS THE HELL GUARD.

BAM

WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE DOING HERE?

SO MANY HELL GUARDS IN ONE PLACE... WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

...

RUDO SUREBREC.

YOU WILL DESTROY...

...THE DOLL FESTIVAL.

...SO I COULD GET A CLUE ON HOW TO GET TO THE SPHERE.

I NEEDED TO FIND THE CHOKER MAKER...

THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE BEING CONFUSED.

I NEED TIME TO GET MY THOUGHTS IN ORDER.

AND TRYING TO MAKE A DEAL.

NOW, THIS RANDO IS CLAIMING TO BE THAT.

THAT'S NOT A COINCI-DENCE. YOU HAVE TO SEIZE THE OPPORTU-NITY.

...ARE THERE, AT THE SCENE.

AT THIS MOMENT, YOU...

THAT HALL IS PACKED FULL OF PEOPLE!

GET RID OF THEM!!

I WON'T TAKE ANY QUESTIONS. YOU MUST ACT.

AND QUICK-LY!

THIS IN-STANT.

NOW.

WAAAAAAAAAAAAAH
APPEARING IN THE DOLL FESTIVAL...
...HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM!

BUT I HOPE THAT BEING HERE IN THE FESTIVAL...
I'LL NEVER SEE MY GRANDMA AGAIN...
...WILL SHOW HER SPIRIT THAT I'M ALL GROWN UP NOW!!

I DON'T HAVE ANY PARENTS.
SO MY GRANDMA DID HER VERY BEST TO CROCHET THIS DOLLY FOR ME, TO LET ME KNOW THAT I'M NOT ALONE... IT'S MY GREATEST TREASURE!

...

WHAT ...?

I SAID, I'M NOT GONNA PLAY YOUR STUPID GAME.

I WON'T DO IT.

I'M NOT AN IDIOT, "CHOKER MAKER," IF YOU EVEN ARE THAT!!

I'M NOT SO WARPED THAT YOU CAN OFFER ME "CANDY"...

...AND I'LL AGREE TO HURT OTHER PEOPLE!!

I MEAN, YOU COME ALONG OUT OF NOWHERE...

AND FOR NO REASON...

YOU ORDER ME TO DESTROY DOLL FEST.

AND YOU THINK I'M JUST GONNA GO DO IT?

I TOLD LILY NOT TO TELL YOU ANY MORE THAN SHE HAD TO.

I'M VERY SORRY.

?

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SHE LEFT OUT ALMOST THE ENTIRE EXPLANATION I NEEDED HER TO GIVE YOU.

LILY, LILY, LILY...

YOU DIDN'T EXPLAIN IT TO HIM, DID YOU...?

I'LL MAKE IT BRIEF.

THERE'S NO TIME.

THE HALL IS FULL OF PEOPLE.

I NEED YOU TO SAVE THEM...!!

ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED IN HERE!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE !!

HM?

THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE TRYING TO USE MY CHOKERS...

...FOR MALICIOUS PURPOSES.

HE'S BEEN CONCOCTING A PLAN FOR AGES...

TEP TEP

THE EVIL BASTARD...!

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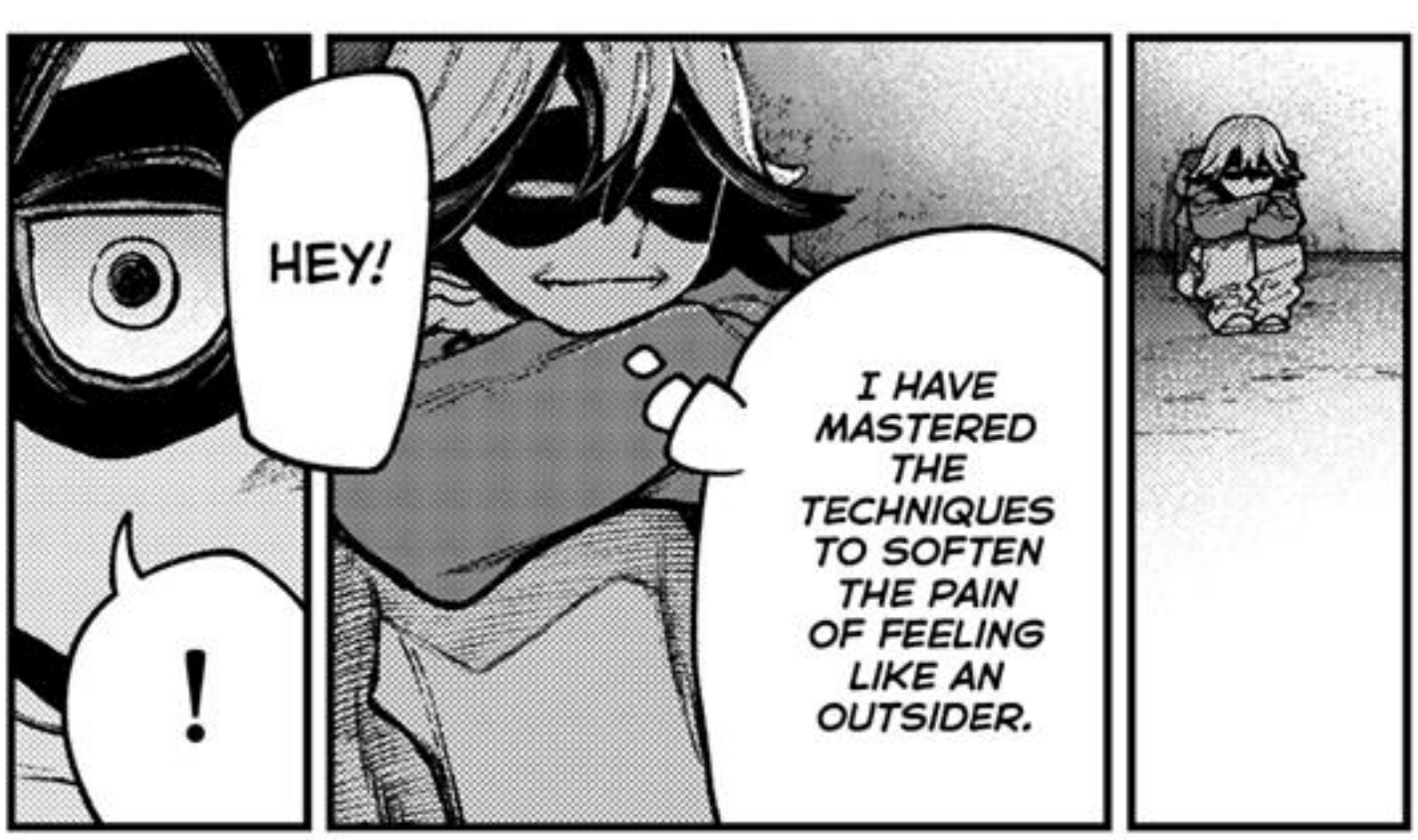
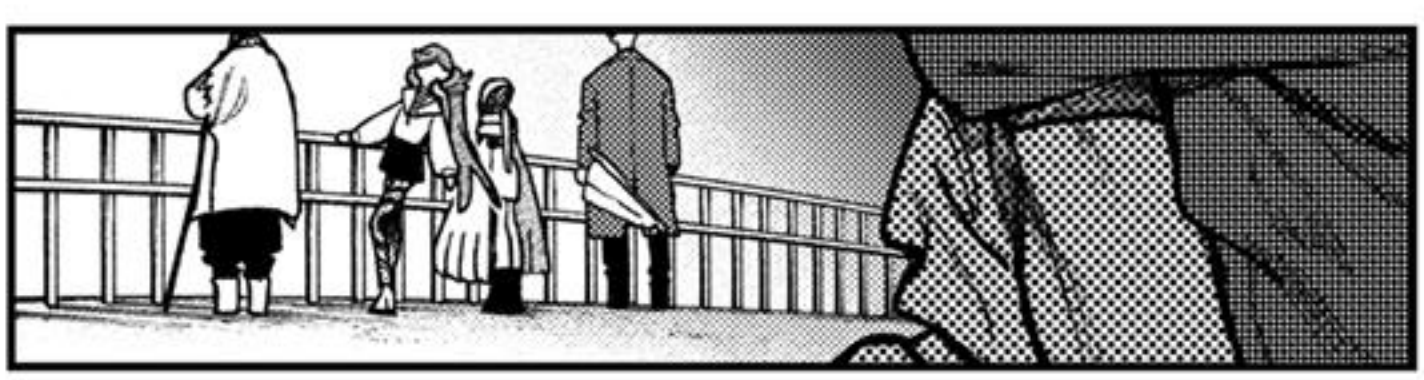

HEY!
!
I HAVE MASTERED THE TECHNIQUES TO SOFTEN THE PAIN OF FEELING LIKE AN OUTSIDER.



YOU'VE MET THE TWINS BEFORE, RIGHT?
IT'S TIME FOR THEIR ACT. COME OVER HERE AND WATCH WITH US.

AND NOW HE'S FOUND A WAY TO RULE THE WORLD.

RULE THE WORLD...?

AND RUDO WENT OFF OVER THERE.

HUH?

SOMEONE FINALLY GAVE ME AN ORDER!

IGNORING THE MAIN DOLL SHOW TO COZY UP WITH THAT BRA...

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...

THE PERSON WE'RE DEALING WITH IS USING THE DOLL FESTIVAL...

...AS HIS BIG UNVEILING.

THE POWER TO "RULE."

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EVERYONE WEARS ONE.

EVERYONE IS DEPENDENT ON THEIRS.

THE CHOKERS? BUT HOW CAN THEY RULE ANYTHING...

!!

THE MOST CONVENIENT COMMUNICA-TION DEVICE HERE ON THE GROUND.

EVEN IN COSTUME, THEY STILL WEAR IT.

...IS HIS DOLL TO CONTROL.

POW

TO THIS PERSON, EVERY HUMAN ALIVE...

"DESTROY THE DOLL FESTIVAL."

IT'S NOT JUST A RANDOM ASSIGNMENT TO SEE IF YOU'LL LISTEN.

LET'S BE QUIET NOW.

ALRIGHT, EVERY-ONE.

I KNEW IT WAS TOO LATE...

I NEED YOU TO SAVE THEM...

SO, PLEASE...

FROM THAT ROTTEN PIECE OF HUMAN FILTH...

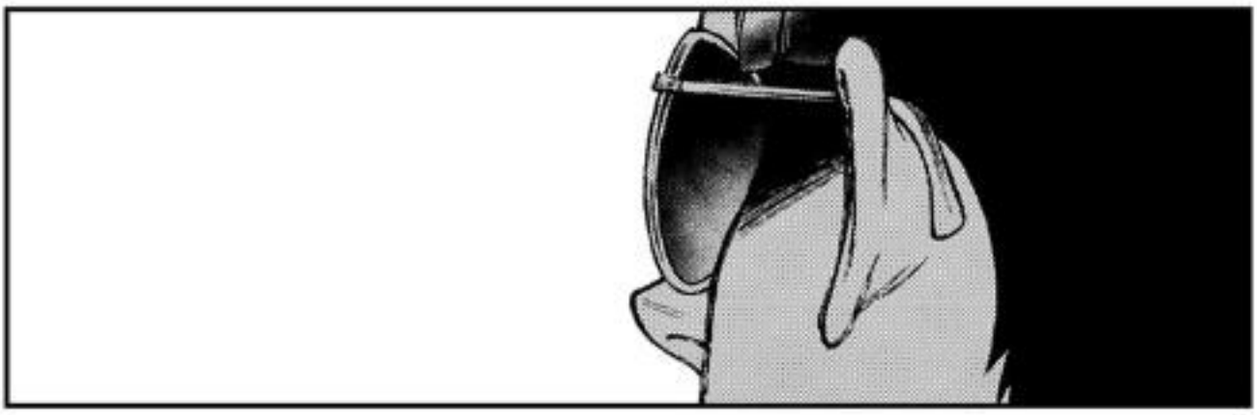
TA-

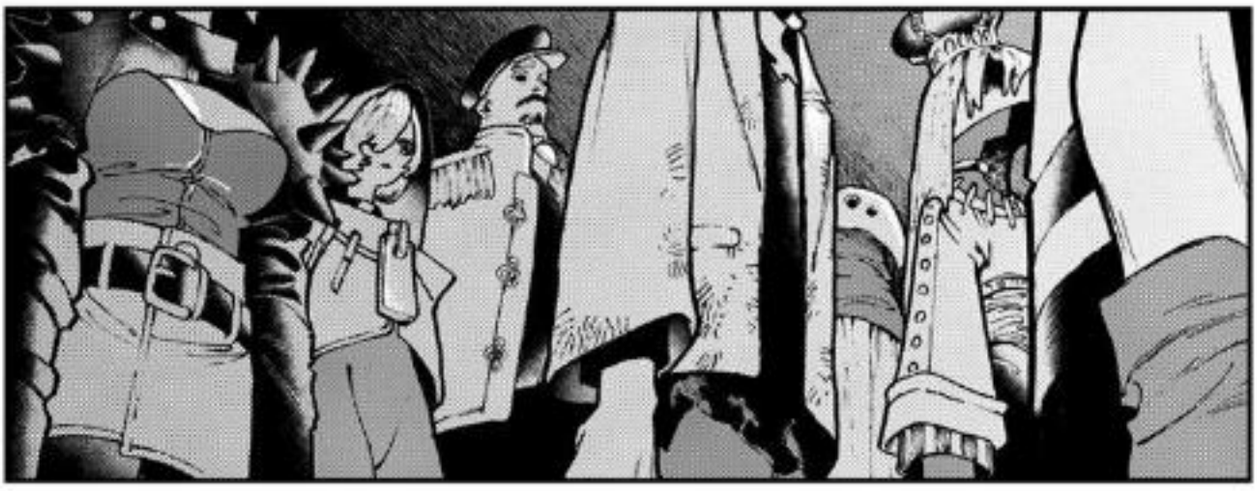
DAH

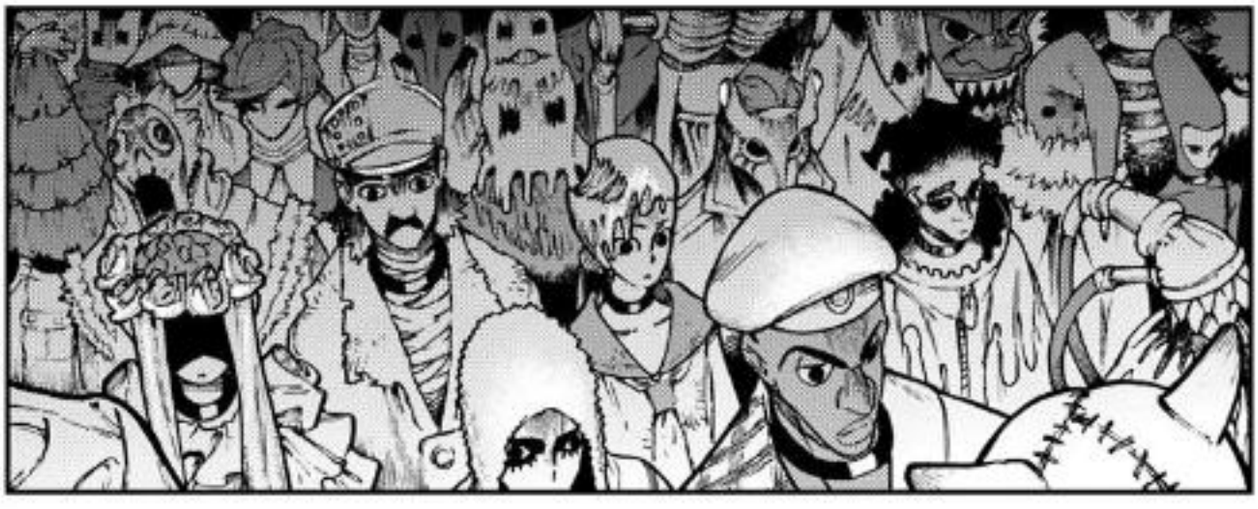
WELL DONE.

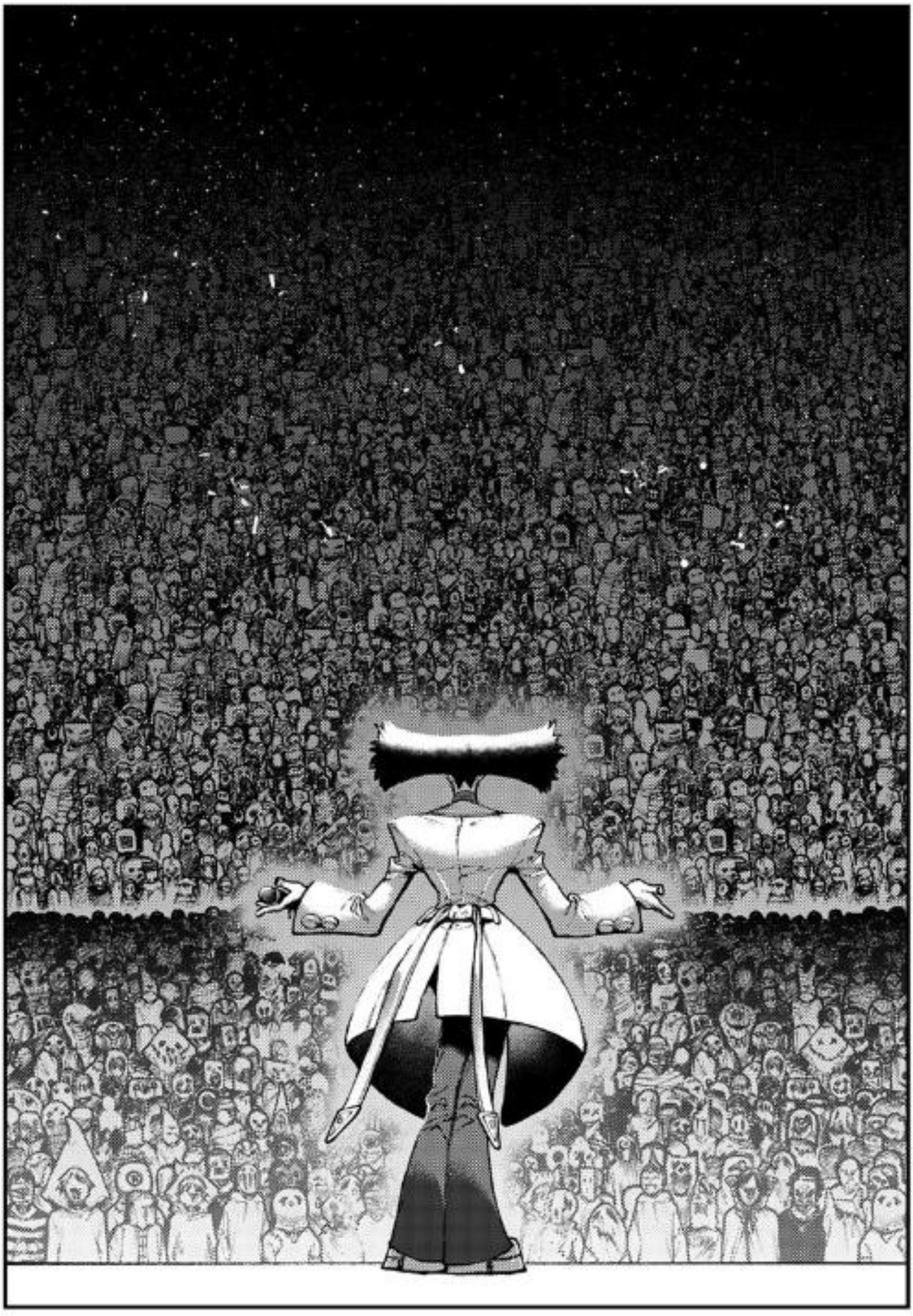
YES.

FROM THE NEWS REPORTER MYMO.









CHAPTER 138: SUPREME

CLICK

CLAP
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CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

CLAP.

JUMP.

WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL

TURN
TO
YOUR
RIGHT.

HEH
HEH
HEH...
HEH
HEH...

PERFECT.
FELIX.
WHAT'S THE RANGE ON MY "RULE"?
SIR!
THE SAME AS WHEN YOU USE YOUR NORMAL POWERS, MY LORD MYMO.
YOU RULE EVERYTHING WITHIN THE SOUND OF YOUR MICRO-PHONE.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU REIGN OVER THIS ENTIRE FESTIVAL VENUE.
VERY GOOD.

GIL.
WHAT IS THE HELL GUARD UP TO?
I GOT A GREAT PHOTO.
MYMO THE NEWS REPORTER.
HOW'S THE SHOOT?
PHO-TOGRA-PHER.
WELL, WELL!
AND HEY, LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE NOT WEARING CHOKERS.
STILL TRYING TO TRACK YOU DOWN. HA HA!
THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR THAT.
IF YOU WANT ME TO TAKE OUT THE HELL GUARD, I'M GONNA NEED A RAISE.
YOU DON'T THINK IT WAS OUR DECOY WHO BLABBED?
THEY ALWAYS WERE GOOD AT SNIFFING OUT A PLOT...
VERY CLEVER, HELL GUARD.
...TO AVOID HURTING THE "INNOCENT CIVILIANS."
THEY WILL DO ALL IN THEIR POWER...

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WHAT IN THE...
WHAT AM I SEEIN' ...?

AND IS IT ME, OR DID HE BREAK CHAR-ACTER?

MAYBE IT'S THE "SURPRISE" MYMO THE NEWS REPORTER MENTIONED?

IS THIS PART OF DOLL FEST?

...!
THAT IS HIS "RULE."
THAT IS MYMO'S POWER.

WHY WEREN'T YOU WEARING THEM?
YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAPPENED TO NOT BE WEARING YOUR CHOKERS... TODAY...
THE SILVER LINING ...
IF WE'D HAD OUR CHOKERS ON, WE WOULD BE...

JUST HOW MUCH DOES HE...
THE INFORMATION BROKER...

GRAB!

BECAUSE THE INFORMATION BROKER TOLD US...
...THAT SOMEONE WAS LISTENING IN ON ALL THE CHOKERS...

BECAUSE... ENJIN TOLD US TO LEAVE THEM HOME TODAY...
ENJIN... WHY WOULD HE...?
AUGUST AGREED BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GO WITH HIS DESIGNS...

WHIRL WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE SPINNING AROUND?
HALT
HALT
STOP.
IF I'M NOT MISTAK-EN...
NOW.
...FOR SOME REASON, THERE IS A SPHEREITE IN OUR MIDST.
?!
TO THINK THAT YOUR PRIZE WOULD BE THE VERY PERSON WE WERE LOOKING FOR.
FIRST, YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME EVERYTHING.
CHOKER MAKER.

"RUDO SURE-BREC."
COME UP TO THE STAGE.
WHAT WOULD HE BE DOING HERE...?
RUDO SUREBREC ...?
I RECOGNIZED YOU WHEN YOU RECEIVED YOUR GIFT FROM TOO LILY, AND I WAS STUNNED SPEECHLESS.
NO ONE HAD TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING.
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE, HERE AT THE FESTIVAL.
IMAGINE MY SUR-PRISE.

BWOFF
ROLL ゴロ ROLL ゴロ ROLL ゴロ ROLL ゴロ ROLL ゴロ
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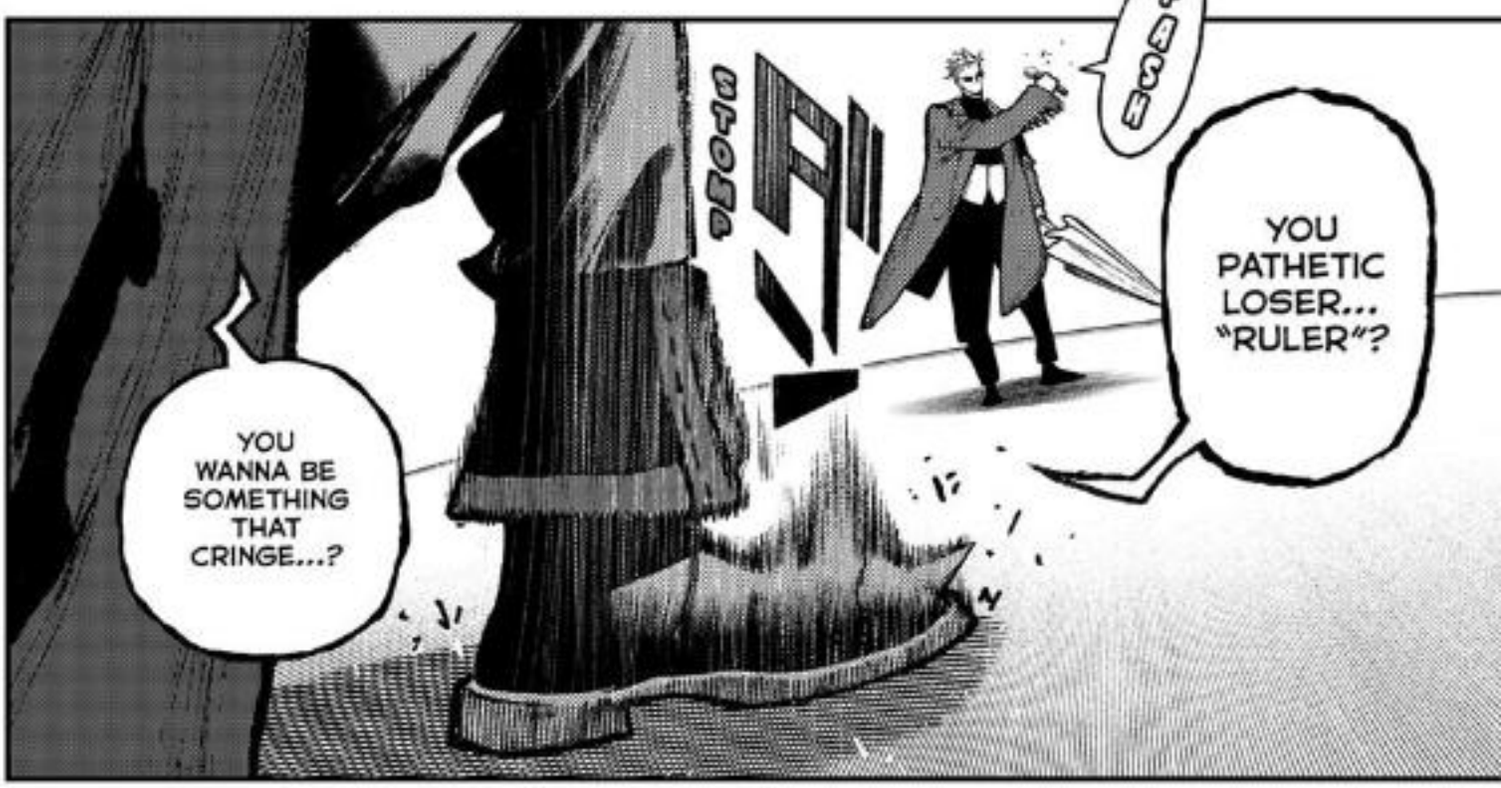
WHAM

I HEARD EVERY-THING.
MYMO THE NEWS REPORT-ER.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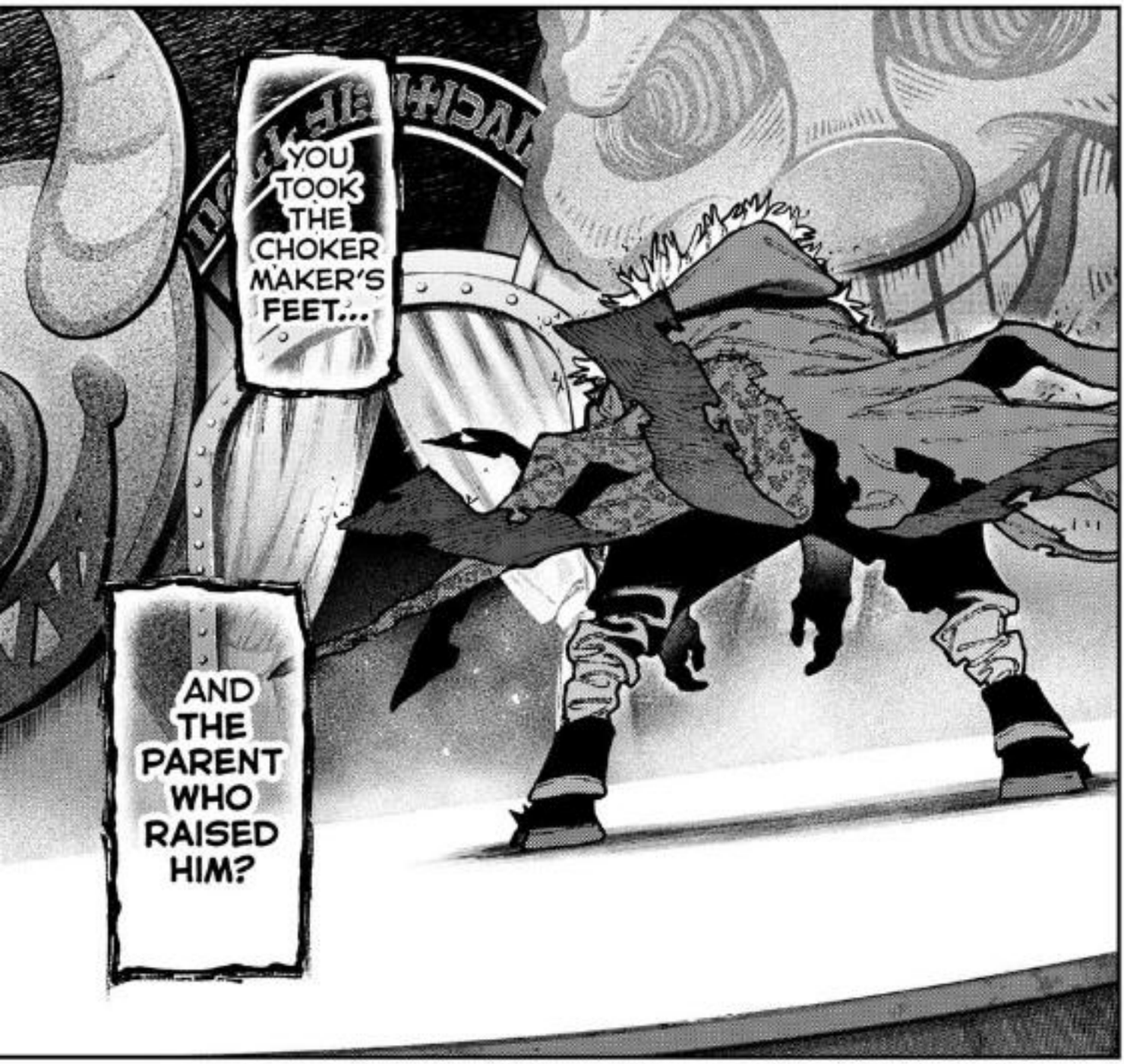
YOU PATHETIC LOSER... "RULER"?
YOU WANNA BE SOMETHING THAT CRINGE...?

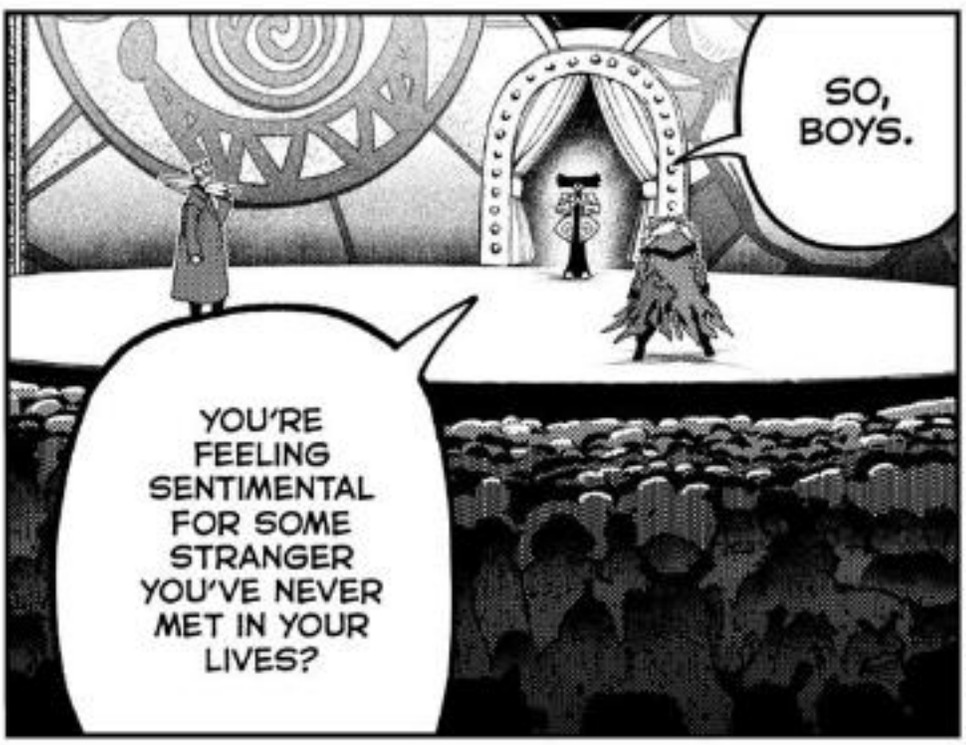
AND FOR THAT MESSED UP GARBAGE...


YOU TOOK THE CHOKER MAKER'S FEET...
AND THE PARENT WHO RAISED HIM?

I DON'T REMEMBER ORDERING YOU TO SPEAK.
HOW STRANGE.
!
YOU'RE WEARING A CHOKER, BUT YOU'RE NOT TAKING MY ORDERS.
THAT WAS IT, WASN'T IT?
YOUR PRIZE FROM TOO LILY.
YES, I UNDER-STAND NOW.
...OH!
I SEE.
I SEE.

WHEN A PARENT IS AWAY...
...THE CHILD IS SUPPOSED TO STAY HOME AND BEHAVE THEMSELF.
YOU'VE BEEN A NAUGHTY LITTLE THING, HAVEN'T YOU?
GOUNT-ESS.
I FORGOT.
OH!

I KILLED YOUR PARENT!


SO, BOYS.
YOU'RE FEELING SENTIMENTAL FOR SOME STRANGER YOU'VE NEVER MET IN YOUR LIVES?

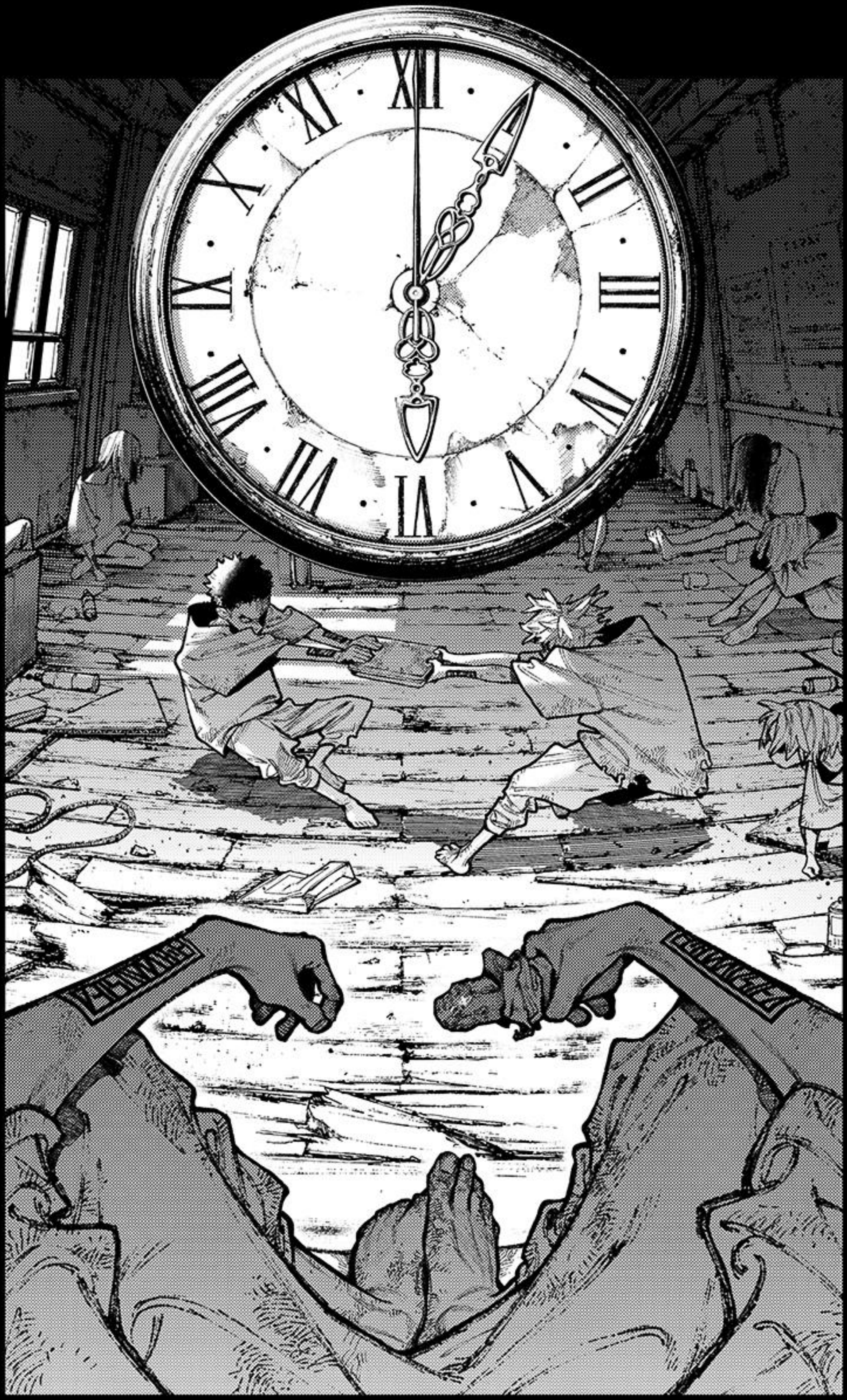
YOU EVIL ...!

IF I TOLD YOU THE SAME STORY,
WOULD YOU GET SENTI-MENTAL FOR ME?

I'M NOT THAT NICE.
BUT UNLIKE RUDO, I CAN'T GET ANGRY ON BEHALF OF SOME RANDO I'VE NEVER MET.
HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU.
ESPECIALLY YOU, ENJIN THE CLEANER.
I GET SECONDHAND EMBARRASSMENT JUST HEARING ABOUT YOUR RIDICULOUS DREAM. FIGURED I HAD TO WAKE YOU UP.
BUT ALL THIS "RULER" GARBAGE.
HITTING ME WITH ABSOLUTELY NO WARNING... DO YOU FEEL THAT SORRY FOR HIM?
YOU CAN'T GIVE YOUR ORDERS WITHOUT THIS, CAN YOU?
I CONFISCATED YOUR VITAL INSTRUMENT.
THIS DOLL FES-TIVAL ...
...IS CLOSED.

SHING
BOOM
KA-
FWAM
!!

MAYBE IT IS THE STUPIDEST NONSENSE ANYONE'S EVER HEARD.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
PEOPLE GET SO JUDGMENTAL ABOUT WHAT OTHERS STRIVE TO ACHIEVE.
IT'S "EMBARRASSING."
IT'S "CRINGE."
...ISN'T THE CONTENT OF THE DREAM.
WHAT REIGNS SUPREME IN THIS WORLD...
CATCH
IT'S MAKING THAT DREAM A REALITY.



CHAPTER 139: MYMO THE RULER

...I NEED TO USE MY BLOOD.

TO PRODUCE A CHOKER...

I IMBUE A RANDOM CORD WITH MY BLOOD...

...AND GIVE IT MY POWERS.

THAT IS THE RECIPE FOR A CHOKER.

AND BECAUSE IT REQUIRES MY BLOOD, HE TOOK ADVANTAGE.

BECAUSE I OWN A PIECE OF THE WATCHMAN SERIES, IT'S POSSIBLE TO MASS PRODUCE THEM.

THAT'S RIGHT.

MYMO'S POWER...

...ALLOWS HIM TO CONTROL HIS TARGET...

...BY DRINKING THAT TARGET'S BLOOD.

ALL FOR HIS RIDICULOUS MEGALOMANIA...!

THUS, HE HAS BEEN CONTROLLING ME AND CONTINUALLY FORCING ME TO MAKE CHOKERS.

THUS, HE HAS CONTINUALLY EXTRACTED MY BLOOD.

THAT WOULD MEAN...

"HE DRINKS THEIR BLOOD TO CONTROL THEM."

IT'S POSSIBLE HE'S DRUNK THE BLOOD OF EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO IS WEARING A CHOKER.

NOT ONLY THEM.

WHEN DID HE PULL OFF THAT STUNT?

MYMO HAS DRUNK THE BLOOD OF EVERY PERSON IN THIS AUDIENCE,

IS WHAT THAT MEANS.

...REQUIRES MY BLOOD.

CREATING A CHOKER...

USER

USING A CHOKER...

...REQUIRES THE BLOOD OF ITS USER.

YOU ALL WOULD HAVE FIRST IMBUED YOUR CHOKER WITH YOUR OWN BLOOD.

TO BE-COME A REGIS-TERED USER,

YEARS AGO.

...YEAH ...I THINK I DID DO THAT.

...AND REFINED HIS POWERS.

MYMO SET HIS SIGHTS ON THAT COMBINATION...

AND THE FIRST BLOOD MIXED WITH THAT IS THE USER'S BLOOD.

THEY ARE IMBUED WITH MY BLOOD AT THE TIME OF PRODUCTION.

...AND THE OWNER OF ANY BLOOD MIXED WITH MINE...

THE ABILITY TO CONTROL ME...

THEN HE MADE IT A REALITY.

A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW NOTHING GOOD COMES FROM TRUSTING THE WRONG INTERMEDIARY.

THEN HE USES THAT WHISTLE TO CONTROL THE WEARERS, IS THAT IT?

HE WETS HIS WHISTLE WITH THE BLOOD OF THE MAKER.

IT'S BECAUSE TOO LILY HELD ON TO IT UNTIL NOW...

THAT I AM ABLE TO SPEAK WITH THE TWO OF YOU...

BUT IT CAN ONLY CONNECT TO ME.

IT DOESN'T REQUIRE THE USER'S BLOOD.

YES, THE CHOKER I GAVE TO TOO LILY IS ONE OF A KIND.

I'M GUESSING THE FACT THAT RUDO ISN'T UNDER HIS CONTROL MEANS THAT CHOKER IS SPECIAL?

YOU ARE MY ONLY HOPE.

YOU ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN DESTROY HIM...!!

...BEFORE THE ENTIRE GROUND WORLD BECOMES A DOLL FESTIVAL...!!

PLEASE CLEAN UP THIS MESS...

IT MIGHT BE TOO MUCH WORK TO TAKE THE CHOKERS OFF OF EVERYBODY HERE...

BUT IF WE CAN TAKE YOUR MICRO-PHONE...

...OR KICK YOUR ASS, THEN THIS WHOLE MESS WILL GO AWAY.

BUT YOU TRAMPLED ALL OVER SOMETHING THAT MEANS A LOT TO THESE PEOPLE...

AND IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA STOP TRAMPLING...

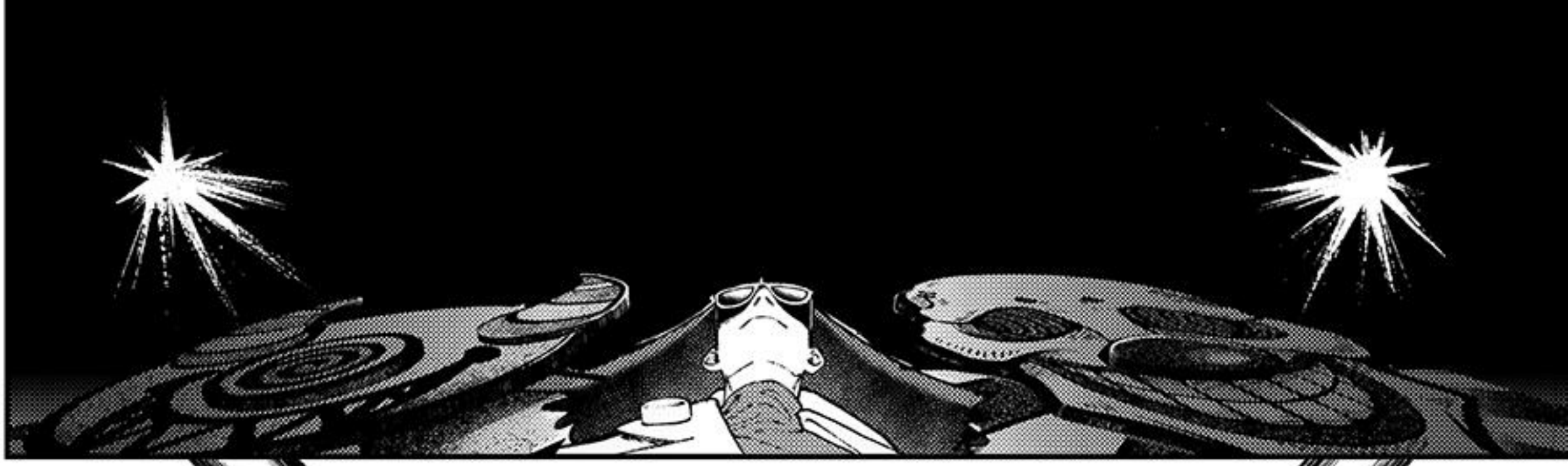
...THEN YOU'LL NEVER BE MY RULER.

YOU TALK ABOUT "RULING."

"MAKING IT REALITY."

THEY WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT, EITHER!

AND I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE.



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FWAM

YOU SPIED ON OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS? WHAT A CREEPER!

AIN'T NOBODY ASKED YOU TO RULE OVER EVERYTHIN', SKUZZBALL!

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE'RE ON THE SPHERE OR ON THE GROUND.

THIS TIME, AS AN OWNER OF PART OF THE WATCHMAN SERIES,

AND ON BEHALF OF CHOKER MAKER GOUNTESS...

...I WILL CRUSH YOU!!

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HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU THAT PERHAPS IT'S THAT KIND OF TALK THAT'S KEEPING YOU FROM GETTING BACK TO THE SPHERE? HEH!

YOU HAVEN'T MADE YOUR DREAM A REALITY!

THEY'RE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR NOSE, AND YOU DON'T SEE THEM!!

YOU WANT "THE PERSON WHO KILLED YOUR FATHER."

YOU WANT "A WAY TO GET BACK TO THE SPHERE."

LET'S SEE HOW **WE** DO IN COMPARISON.

!!!

AND YOU'VE MADE THAT A REALITY.

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

FELIX.

MY DREAM IS TO PROTECT YOU, MY LORD.

SIRE!

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

GIL.

YES, AND YOU'RE MAKING THAT A REALITY.

TO MAKE SOME MONEY PROTECTING YOU, I GUESS!

WHAT ABOUT YOU FOLKS?

OH, DEAR.

THE DEFECTIVE SON OF A PRESTIGIOUS FAMILY, ZANKA NIJIKU.

YOU SEEK STRENGTH BUT YOU KEEP LOSING TO JABBER WONGER!

STRAY COLLECTOR ENJIN.

YOU'RE ALWAYS POKING YOUR NOSE INTO EVERYONE ELSE'S BUSINESS, BUT YOU WON'T EVEN TELL THEM YOUR REAL NAME.

A HYPOCRITE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY!

RIYO REAPER...

HOW IS YOUR FATHER DOING?

WHAT A DUNCE!!

AND RUDO SURE-BREC!!!

YOU CAN'T AVENGE YOUR FATHER'S MURDER!

YOU CAN'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING, NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY!!!

YOU CAN'T GET BACK TO THE SPHERE!!

NOTHING COULD BE MORE RIDICULOUS THAN THIS.

MYMO THE NEWS REPORTER...

...IS NO MORE.

AND I'VE MADE THE DREAM A REALITY!!

MY OUT-OF-FASHION DREAM HAS BEEN TO RULE.

I HAVE ALWAYS TAKEN ACTION.

I HAVE ALWAYS **BEEN THERE.**

I TOOK ACTION, SO I MADE THE DREAM A REALITY.

I FINISHED MY PREPARATIONS, SO I TOOK ACTION.

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK I'VE BEEN SETTING THIS UP?

NONE OF YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DREAMS REALITY.

AND YOU THINK YOU CAN LECTURE ME? THE ONE WHO HAS MADE HIS DREAM REALITY?

MYMO THE RULER!

IT IS HE WHO STANDS BEFORE YOU!!!

MY DEAR AUDIENCE!!! UNITE!

YOU SEE THESE FOUR PEOPLE !!!

VITAL IN-STRU-MENT.

CLICK

ELEMENTOS!

KILL
THEM
!!!

I DIDN'T REALIZE SHE HAD COME WITH THEM...

AMO EMPOOL ...!!

...WHICH IS MAKING THEM WANT TO "HELP" HER.

IS THAT IT?

BASICALLY, SHE USED HER POWERS TO MAKE PART OF THE AUDIENCE "SMELL" SOMETHING...

...I SEE.

I'VE GOT THIS, LITTLE SISTER ...!!

THIS OLD MAN CAN DO ANY-THING FOR HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER!!

PLEASE, HANG IN THERE, EVERYONE! STAND STRONG FOR AMO!

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ITS QUALITY IS HIGH ENOUGH TO OVERWRITE MY "RULE" POWER.

THAT'S THE WATCHMAN SERIES FOR YOU.

NICE WORK, ROOKIE!!

WHOOSH

GRAR

WHAT.

DON'T TALK TO AMO LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS!!!

...TSK.

HEY! DON'T YOU CLICK YOUR TONGUE AT AMO!

I...I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING, EITHER...

THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT AMO WAS LEFT OUT!!

I SAVED YOU FROM FALLING UNDER HIS CONTROL, OKAY??

I TOLD YOU BEFORE WE CAME TO TAKE OFF YOUR CHOKER!

EXCUSE ME??

CHOKERS AND MAKERS AND UGH!

IF YOU HAD TOLD AMO WHY RUDO CAME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE,

SHE COULD HAVE HELPED SOONER!!!

IT'S NOT HALF BAD!!

WHEN SHE GIVES ME ORDERS...

YOU STOP STANDING THERE AND TAKE AMO CLOSER TO RUDO!!!

OH!!! YES, MA'AM!!

...

FZH

KA-POW

WOULD YOU JUST...

GET OUT OF THERE?!

GET AWAY FROM HIM!!

RUDO !!

KA-

KRAK

WUH-

FSH

OH!

!!

THAT BALL...!!

ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
ZIP
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ZIP
ZIP
KER-
THWAK

BOTH ARE EXCELLENT SOLDIERS.

GIL FOR RANGED FIGHTING.

FELIX FOR DEFENSE.

I'M VERY PARTICULAR ABOUT MY BATTLE PARTY, YOU SEE.

DRIP DRIP DRIP

WHAT ABOUT MY ARM?

BUT WITH YOUR ARM LIKE THAT, WE...

AND YOU... NEED YOUR HANDS TO USE YOUR POWERS...

IT'S JUST BROKEN, THAT'S ALL.

!

DON'T INSULT ME.

...YOU DON'T HAVE A CLOSE-RANGE FIGHTER.

THAT'S YOUR WEAK-NESS...!!

I'M USED TO PAIN IN MY ARMS.

NOW I ALREADY FIGURED OUT...

...BY THE WAY, YOU TALK AN AWFUL LOT.

...FELIX'S SHIELD IS INVINCIBLE.

BUT NO ONE KNOWS THAT, SO THEY JUST KEEP TRYING TO BREAK IT DOWN.

WE DON'T NEED ONE.

BESIDES...

FOR NOW, WE CAN MAKE UP FOR IT WITH THE PUPPETS.

THEN I GET TO HIT MY BALLS AT THEM.

THAT'S MY JOB.
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FZH...

I'LL GIVE YOU PROPS FOR THAT.

AT LEAST YOU DON'T USE THAT BAT TO HIT PEOPLE.

YIPE!

TSH

BUT IT'S OKAY TO HIT PEOPLE WITH YOUR UMBRELLA?!

IMP

RUMMAGE

ALL RIGHT, THAT'S IT! EVERY ONE OF YOU!

IS GONNA BE HIT BY PITCH!!

PLING
PLING
PLING
PLING
OHO ...!!
SWOOSH

YEAH, YOU AIN'T WRONG THERE.

"THE DEFECTIVE SON OF A PRESTIGIOUS FAMILY."

BUT SHE'LL TRAIN YA HOW TO DODGE GUNFIRE.

YOU WOULDN'T KNOW THIS.

BUT MY GENIUS OF A SISTER PUT ME THROUGH MY PACES. THAT WAS ESPECIALLY ROUGH.

I'M JUST AN AVERAGE JOE.

ALL THOSE GAMES OF DODGE-BULLET...

I SURE HOPE THEY PAY OFF NOW...

I KINDA THINK SCISSORS COULD CUT THROUGH THAT.

OKAY, I'LL GET THE BARRIER!

WHAT THE...?

SHUDDER

HGH!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE MAKING THAT BARRIER OUT OF...PAPER?

WHAT IN THE ACTUAL ...?

SINCE SHE HATES BEING LEFT OUT SO MUCH!!

WELL, THEN, I GUESS I'LL BACK UP AMO OVER HERE!!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS WRONG WITH THESE PEOPLE...?!

AGH ...!!!

WHAM

SHE DID NOT ASK FOR YOUR HELP!!

HOW DARE YOU GIVE AMO THAT ATTITUDE!!!

WHY DOESN'T IT BOTHER THEM...?

WHEN ANYONE SO MUCH AS SLAPS MY LORD MYMO, I START SEEING RED AND MY BLOOD BOILS.

THEIR FRIEND'S ARM IS BROKEN.

I BELIEVE YOU MAY HAVE POKED THE WRONG BEAR...!

LORD MYMO...